

OPINION 892

TETRAMERES CREPLIN, 1846 (NEMATODA): VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Tropisurus* Diesing, 1835, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority, but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Tetrameres* Creplin, 1846 (gender : masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Tetrameres haemochrous* Creplin, 1846, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1856.

(3) The specific name *haemochrous* as published in the binomen *Tetrameres haemochrous* (type-species of *Tetrameres* Creplin, 1846) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2320.;

(4) The generic name *Tropisurus* Diesing, 1835 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1958.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1783)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission in November 1966 by Dr. M. B. Chitwood. The application was sent to the printer on 10 January 1967 and was published on 6 March 1967 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 24 : 57-59. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184). No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 January 1969 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on Voting Paper (69)8 either for or against the proposals as set out on *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 24 : 58. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 April 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Vokes, Forest, Melville, Evans, do Amaral, Uchida, Bonnet, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Alvarado, Jaczewski, Starobogatov, Tortonese.

Negative votes—four (4): Eisenmann, Obruchev, Simpson, Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Prof. Brinck returned a late affirmative vote.

The following comments were made by Commissioners when returning their Voting Papers:

Mr. E. Eisenmann (14.i.69): “ *Tropisurus* is the correct name under the Code. As it is used in important current reference works—e.g. Baylis and Daubney (1926), and Yamaguti (1961)—I can see no justification for suspending the rules to invalidate it.”

Prof. G. G. Simpson (21.ii.69): “ As both *Tropisurus* and *Tetrameres* are in common use, why suppress the one that is valid under the rules? ”

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (15.iii.69): " Baylis and Daubney (1926) and Yamaguti (1961) were quite correct in using *Tropisurus*. It is not clear to me why Stiles and Baker (1930) did not themselves go back to *Tropisurus* when the emendation *Tropidurus* was found to be preoccupied."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

haeniochrous, *Tetrameres*, Creplin, 1846, *Arch. Naturgesch.* **12** : 130
Tetrameres Creplin, 1846, *Arch. Naturgesch.* **12** : 130
Tropisurus Diesing, 1835, *Oesterr. Med. Jahr.* **16** : 83.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)8 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 892.

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